


## 8.2 CULTURES WITHIN A SOCIETY



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- ▶ In some societies some, members of minority groups live, work and go to school separately from the rest of society. (some voluntarily)
  - ▶ This is called segregation
  - ▶ Ex.... Canada in WWII
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- ▶ On the opposite spectrum there are cultures that encourage minority cultures to adopt the ways of the dominant society.
- ▶ This is known as assimilation
- ▶ Ex United States

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- ▶ Since 1971 Canada has officially adopted a policy of multiculturalism
- ▶ Different cultures are encouraged to retain their distinct characteristics, ideas, and beliefs within the larger society

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- ▶ Supporters of multiculturalism say that everyone benefits from new ideas and innovations
- ▶ Also encourages people to be more tolerant of other cultures

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- ▶ Others see problems with this kind of society
  - ▶ Sense of national identity is weakened, and can also isolate people from the rest of society
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